

# St. Hedwig Church

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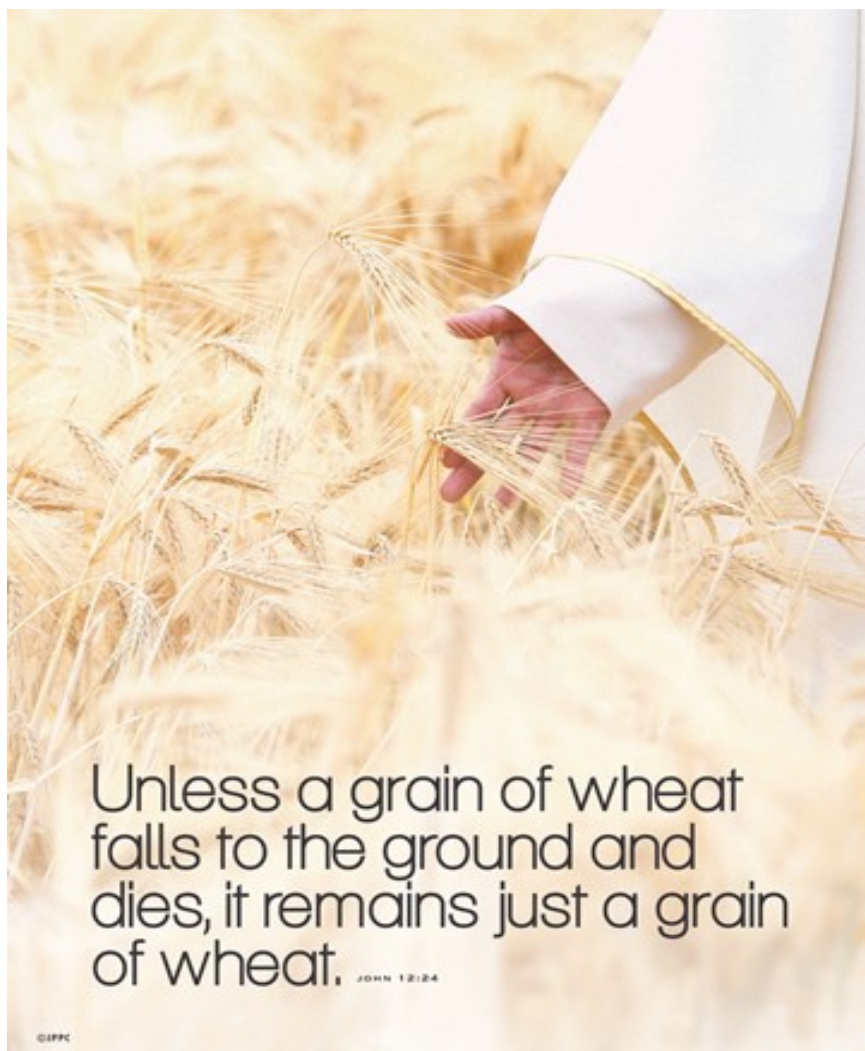


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MARCH 17, 2024 † FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT †



**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
Pastor

**Fr. Adam Slominski, SChr**  
Assistant Pastor

**Deacon Ray Zolandz**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Polish)

4:00 p.m.

**Holy Days:** see website & bulletin

**First Friday:** 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

**Adoration:** Sunday 3-4:00 p.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration 5:30-6:30pm each evening)

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
and on weeknights before Mass

## Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## ***St. Hedwig Church welcomes you ...***

*We the faithful of Saint Hedwig Parish, a Catholic Community, are committed to living and sharing the Gospel values as disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating our lives together around the table of the Eucharist and other sacramental times during our journey of faith.*



## † Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The book of the prophet Jeremiah includes poetic oracles, narratives about the life of Jeremiah, and sermon-like sections. The biographical sections likely come from the hand of his scribe, Baruch, while sermons are the result of the Deuteronomistic Historian (an editor or editors who viewed Israel's history through the lens of the book of Deuteronomy). Oracles, such as we have in today's readings, are probably the voice of the sixth-century prophet himself, speaking on behalf of God. The new covenant that God promises will be written upon the hearts of God's people, so that the least to the greatest will know God, who forgives their evil-doing and forgets their sin. The Letter to the Hebrews envisions an audience familiar with the Old Testament, since quotations, images, and themes from the Hebrew Scriptures are found throughout the sermon. In the verses just prior to today's reading, we hear that Israel's high priests were identified with people and served as their representative before God (Hebrews 5:1). The high priest's humanity allowed him to "deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for himself is beset by weakness" (Hebrews 5:2). Like wise, Christ Jesus is presented as the high priest who when he was in the flesh could also identify with the trials of human weakness. "He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death" (Hebrews 5:7). Now in his exalted state, Christ is no longer subject to human weakness and has instead become the source of eternal salvation. The Gospel of John is organized in two sections: the Book of Signs (chapters 1—12) and the Book of Glory (chapters 13—20). Today's reading is taken from the final chapter of the Book of Signs. Some Greeks, who may have been Greek speaking proselytes to Judaism, ask Philip and Andrew if they might see Jesus. Their request is a signal to Jesus that "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). Throughout the Book of Signs, "the hour" has been anticipated. At the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus deferred responding to his mother's request because his hour had not arrived (John 2:4). Jesus tells the woman of Samaria that the hour is coming when worship will occur neither on Mount Gerizim nor in Jerusalem (John 4:21). The hour is coming when the dead will hear his voice (John 5:25,28). Until that hour, Jesus cannot be arrested (John 7:30; 8:20). The hour is the purpose for which Jesus has come (John 12:27).

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

**Hospital Visitations**– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0, or email [sthedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sthedwigchurch@comcast.net) if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.

Kochani Parafianie,

Kościół jest matką dla swoich wiernych. Jest dobrą matką i dlatego spieszy nam z pomocą w naszej niełatwej drodze przez czas Wielkiego Postu. Dzisiaj w liturgii Słowa, ustami proroka Jeremiasza podnosi nas na duchu i przepowiada lepsze jutro. Bóg wypomina Izraelowi jego sprzeniewierzenie i niewierność, choć lud ten miał przecież tyle powodów, żeby trwać wiernie przy Bogu: został wyprowadzony z niewoli egipskiej. Bóg zawarł z tym ludem przymierze. Ale Izrael zapomniał o Bożych dobrodziejstwach i nie był wierny przymierzowi. Lecz Bóg nie jest jak człowiek. Nigdy nie wyczerpany w swoim miłosierdziu. Postanawia zawrzeć – znowu inicjatywa wychodzi od Niego – nowe przymierze. Nowość tego przymierza będzie polegała na tym, że Bóg wypisze swoje prawo w ludzkich sercach. Bada więc ludzie jakby w sobie nosić nie tylko zobowiązania wobec Boga, lecz także Boże obietnice i postanowienia, z których najważniejsze jest to, że Jahwe znowu staje się Bogiem Izraela, a Izrael Jego ludem. Rezultatem tych nowych związków Boga z ludźmi będzie lepsze poznanie Boga przez człowieka. Lecz największe dobrodziejstwo Boże zawiera się w tym oto postanowieniu: "Przebaczam im wszystkie winy, nie będę już pamiętał o ich grzechach". Pan jest zaiste niezmordowany w swoim miłosierdziu. Czyż nie jest to podniesienie nas na duchu w naszej drodze przez trudne dni Wielkiego Postu?

Szczęść Boże,  
Ks. Andrzej



*If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please place your envelopes in the donation boxes at the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!*

## Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**February 24-25, 2024**

Offertory Envelopes - \$2861.00

& Special Collections - \$388.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint John Paul II Chapel, Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions are heard during Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!



### PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Join us for Mass, then stay and pray! All are welcome !



*Our third annual Reconciliation Monday will take place on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 until 8 p.m. Not only will we have confession here in our church during that time, but all parishes in the diocese will be holding confessions. Please invite those friends and family members who have been away from the Sacraments to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit [cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday](http://cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday) for more information.*



**2023 contribution statements are now available.**

Please call the parish office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9am and 3pm.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

Czesława Sawicki	February 10
Lech Aleksander Skiba	February 15
Christine 'Jingles' Paraskewich	February 19
Irene Olson	March 3



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Remember and Pray for all who are sick in our parish and community.**  
**Remember and Pray for all who have departed this life.**

Father Andrew, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Aleksander Bielecki, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Josephine Szczerba, Sandra Boom, Rudolf Wolanin, John W. Foskey, Sr., Joy Deluchia, Frank Kucharski, Steve Fillion, Leo Rostocki and John Streck.

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

# Masses For The Week



## Monday, March 18, 2024

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek  
Int. Wife, Dorothy

## Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:30pm +John & Irene Bonk (75th Wedding Anniv)  
Int. Robert Bonk

## Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:30pm Rela Lagowski  
Int. Stash & Janice

## Thursday March 21, 2024

6:30pm Joseph Sewruk  
Int. Hannah Sewruk

## Friday, March 22, 2024

6:30pm Rev. Thomas Gardocki  
Int. St. Hedwig Holy Rosary Society

## Saturday, March 23, 2024

8am Eleanor Wykpisz  
Int. Family

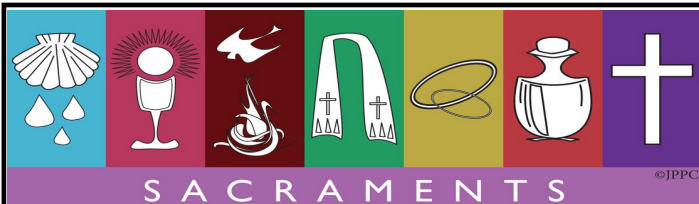
4pm Emilia Bialecka (15th Anniversary)  
Int. Children

## Sunday, March 24, 2024

9am John J. Gaworski, Sr.  
Int. Mary Gaworski

11:30am Lucja Bronislaw & Jerzy Ryjewski  
Int. Izabela Toner

4pm Ron Gawinski, Sr.  
Int. Pat Noonan



**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Parish Office during office hours to make arrangements for Baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Engaged couples should call the Parish Office so that the proper preparation may be made at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** One-half hour before daily Mass in the Chapel, Monday—Friday and on Saturday from 3:00– 3:45 p.m. in Church; or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist:** Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners who are planning surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before the surgery.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** All adults who are discerning readiness to join the Catholic Church and are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments should call the Parish Office. All are welcome.

**Religious Education Classes (CCD):** Children not attending Catholic School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Please contact the Office of Religious Education and leave a message at 594-1400 Ext. 4.

## † Sanctuary Lamp



signifying the Eucharistic Presence  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
will burn this week in Memory of

John & Irene Bonk  
(75th Wedding Anniversary)

Requested by:

Robert Bonk



### Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:30pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) in the Chapel and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm before the 4pm Mass in the Church.

Please take this opportunity to turn to our Merciful God, receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.



### March 24 Palm Sunday

9am & 4pm Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
11:30am Passion of the Lord (Polish)

### March 28 Holy Thursday

8am Morning Prayer  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8-10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
10pm Tenebrae

### March 29 Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer  
12pm Stations of the Cross  
3pm The Passion of the Lord (English)  
7pm The Passion of the Lord (Polish)

### March 30 Holy Saturday

8am Morning Prayer  
10am Swieconka (Blessing of Food)  
1pm Swieconka (Blessing of Food)  
3pm Swieconka (Blessing of Food)  
7pm Easter Vigil Mass

### March 31 Easter Sunday

9am Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord  
11:30am Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord-Polish

**There is no 4pm Mass on Easter Sunday**



### The Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Babka & Bake Sale!

Pick-up Orders on **Saturday, March 23rd** in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church).

**9:00am-11am ONLY!**

Please note that all items **must** be ordered in advance and picked up on **Saturday, March 23rd** between the hours of 9-11am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church. *PLAIN BABKA*-\$12.00, *CHEESE BABKA*-\$20.00, *SWEET POPPY SEED LOAF* \$18.00, *BOX OF CHRUSCIKI*- \$10.00 and *LOAF OF (sliced) RYE BREAD* \$9.00.

### CUTOFF DATE FOR ORDERING:

**MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>.**

To place an order, please call **John** at **(302) 992-0309** by **March 16th!** Please leave your name, phone number and the quantity of each bakery item you would like to order.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church:

Shadow Stations performed by children of the parish on March 22. Confession will be heard following Stations of the Cross.

### PARISH SOUP SUPPER

A free Soup Supper will be served in Msgr. Gulcz Hall immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent: March 22. Soup and bread will be served each week.

### GORZKIE ZALE

Traditional Polish Lenten Service of Hymns (Ancient chants) retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ. The devotion is preceded by Benediction and chanted kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. Gorzkie Zale (in English) following the 4pm Mass every Saturday and Gorzkie Zale (in Polish) following the 11:30am Polish Mass every Sunday until March 22.